

The invention relates to extracts from *Aristolochia taliscana* and their uses in medicine, and also to compounds, known and novel isolated from the extracts, and composition containing the extracts and compounds. The extracts and compounds are useful *inter alia* as anti-mutagens, antifungal agents and cytotoxic agents. The extracts and compositions of the invention can comprise at least 10%, preferably at least 20%, and more preferably at least 25% by weight of a phenylbenzofuran.